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SUBJECT: DISARMAMENT: US-FRENCH UN DELEGATION BILATERAL
MEETING

1. AFTER REVIEW OF MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA WITH SENIOR
REPS OF FRENCH DELEGATION ON SEPTEMBER 27, AMB LEONARD
OPENED DISARMAMENT DISCUSSION WITH GENERAL PROJECTION OF
ISSUES WE SEE AS IMPORTANT FOR UNGA, POINTING OUT THAT
DESPITE SATISFACTORY OUTCOME OF SSOD, WE COULD EXPECT A
CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DISSATISFACTION WITH THE STATUS OF SALT
AND CTB NEGOTIATIONS. FRENCH COUNSELLOR LENNUYEUX
STRESSED IMPORTANCE THAT FRANCE ATTACHES TO DISARMAMENT,
AS HIGHLIGHTED BY PRESIDENT GISCARD'S ATTENDANCE AT SSOD.
HE DREW US ATTENTION TO FRENCH PROPOSALS THAT HAD NOT
BEEN ACTED ON BY SSOD, IN PARTICULAR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
INTERNATIONAL SATELLITE MONITORING AGENCY, AND SAID
FRENCH HOPED THAT GA WOULD RECOMMEND THAT SYG ESTABLISH
AN EXPERTS GROUP TO STUDY THE LEGAL AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS
OF THE PROPOSAL. CONCERNING THE OTHER TWO PROPOSALS, THE
FRENCH FELT THEY COULD BE BUILT ON TO ALREADY EXISTING
ORGANIZATIONS.

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2. COMMENTING ON SOVIET NON-USE PROPOSAL LENNUYEUX SAID
THE SOVIETS HAD "PUT THE BAR TOO HIGH FOR OTHERS TO JUMP,
EVEN THE NON-ALIGNED". SOVIET PROPOSAL TOOK NO ACCOUNT
OF DOCTRINES OF OTHERS, SUCH AS FRENCH OFFER NOT TO USE
NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST PARTICIPANTS IN NUCLEAR-FREE ZONES.
MOREOVER, THERE WAS NO REFERENCE TO THE LEGITIMATE RIGHT

OF SELF-DEFENSE. HE SAID THAT PIERRE CHRISTIAN TAITTINGER WOULD BE NOMINATED AS FRENCH MEMBER OF SYG'S ADVISORY BOARD AND ASKED FOR US VIEWS ON UNDC ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS.

3. MAYNES (US) REPLIED THAT SATELLITE MONITORING PROPOSAL RAISES MAJOR SECURITY PROBLEMS FOR THE US, AND WE WOULD HOPE TO HAVE A THOROUGH EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BEFORE FRANCE PROCEEDS WITH THIS PROPOSAL IN ANY FORM. FRENCH REP SAID FRANCE HAD REQUESTED CONSULTATIONS ON SUBJECT LAST SPRING BUT US HAD NOT TAKEN UP OFFER. US MISOFF OBSERVED THAT US AND PRESUMABLY FRANCE WOULD BOTH BE REPRESENTED NEXT WEEK IN BRUSSELS AT REGULAR SEMI-ANNUAL DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING, AND HE WAS SURE THAT US DELEGATION WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ISSUE THERE IN GREATER DEPTH THAN BEFORE.

4. ON UNDC, MAYNES SAID ONE ROLE WE HAD CONSIDERED WOULD BE TO SERVE AS A PREP COM FOR THE NEXT UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. THE UNDC MIGHT ALSO RENEW DORMANT WORK ON A GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT PLAN. BEYOND THIS, IT WAS HARD TO COME UP WITH TASKS THAT UNDC COULD DO THAT WOULD MAKE IT DISTINCT FROM CD AND FROM UNGA COMMITTEE I. ON SOVIET PROPOSAL, MAYNES SAID WE ARE LOOKING AT POSSIBILITY OF HANDLING ISSUE IN SC, WHICH MIGHT BE A MORE MANAGEABLE FRAMEWORK THAN GA. CONFIDENTIAL

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